

Questions about APS-182-13-000001

- 1) Can you clarify if new construction projects are eligible for funding?

Answer: As stated in the APS, USAID, to the extent possible and when feasible, will use a simplified grant format or fixed obligation type grant agreement to a local organization for awards under this APS. In general, construction with these types of agreements and recipients is prohibited by Agency policy.

- 2) Is my organization eligible for applying to this APS?

Answer: The eligibility requirements are stated in Section III of the APS. Please refer to that section to determine whether or not your organization is eligible.

- 3) Section 10 of Technical Information (page 6, item 10) describes the instructions for *applicant's previous work*. Would you also be expecting **CV's** of key personnel, **Bio-data** forms etc to be included in the application? If so, should they be part of Annexes section?

Answer: "CVs are not required, but may be submitted and should be included in an annex"

- 4) Can a project propose covering only one of the **components** (such as *Enable farmers to better compete only* or *Access to Capital* only) or it must have both components working together as part of the same project?

Answer: "Yes, an application may address only one of the two components. An application may also address both components."

- 5) Should potential **letters of agreements** with other organizations working with the applicant be included in the application? If so, are they part of Annexes section?

Clarification: The above question does not pertain to organizations contributing funds or other means to the applicants, which is clearly suggested to be included in the application.

Answer: "Letters of agreement are not required."

- 6) The **Budget** instructions in page 6, stipulate a spreadsheet showing the proposed activities in detail. Is there a restriction in the number of budget tables shown? Is it correct to assume that the budget must be submitted as an Excel file? If so, would it be preferable to include the budget tables in the Appendixes of the Technical Description document?

Answer: “Page 6 of the APS states that the budget must be submitted as a separate annex. The preferable format is an Excel spreadsheet with formulas shown.”

- 7) Should the budget be in USD or ALL?

Answer: “Budgets must be presented in USD.”

- 8) If the project aims to generate fee income or **revenue**, should the revenue projections be included in the Budget proposal or only costs must be included?

Answer: “Approaches which anticipate program income as a result of USAID funding must, in the technical information section, include proposed use of this income. This proposed use must be in compliance with 22 CFR 226.24 Program Income. Budgets should not reflect this potential income.”

- 9) Is the project expected to be **organized** – from an organizational perspective - as a traditional USAID project (for instance with positions such as COP etc) or the funded organization is free to propose its own organizational structure?

Answer: “It is up to applicants to propose the most appropriate organizational structure to implement the program. The Annual Program Statement is not prescriptive in this regard.”

- 10)** The implementation of the proposed project for improving access to capital, cost effectiveness, improve of product quality, etc., should only focus on farmers and/or agribusiness that are involved or intend to be involved in three specific area/crops such as a) production of vegetables in covered areas; b) citrus and olives cultivation and processing, and; c) herbs and spices or also in other agriculture crops/areas, or animal productions and processing?

Answer: The Annual Program Statement is not prescriptive in terms of crops or target regions. USAID provided illustrative examples ("such as") in the APS but applicants have flexibility to propose exact interventions which will best support the development goals described in the APS.

- 11)** Is USAID still accepting applications under this solicitation and are funds still available?

Answer: USAID will cancel the APS once the funds have been fully expended.